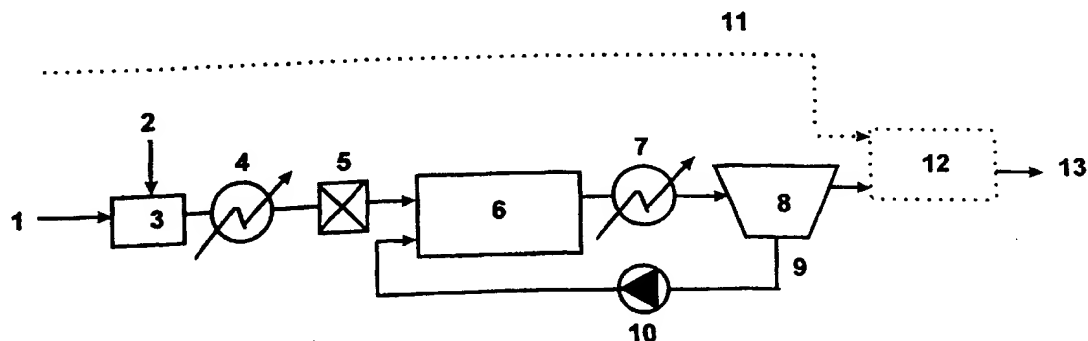




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**(57) Abstract**

Method for transporting a flow of fluid hydrocarbons containing water through a treatment and transportation system including a pipeline, wherein the flow of fluid hydrocarbons is introduced into a reactor where it is mixed with particles of gas hydrates which are also introduced into said reactor, the effluent flow of hydrocarbons from the reactor is cooled in a heat exchanger to ensure that all water present therein is in the form of gas hydrates, said flow is then treated in a separator to be separated into a first flow and a second flow, said first flow having a content of gas hydrate is recycled to the reactor to provide the particles of gas hydrates mentioned above, and said second flow is conveyed to a pipeline to be transported to its destination. System for treatment and transportation of a flow of fluid hydrocarbons containing water, which includes the following elements listed in the flow direction and connected with each other: connection to a hydrocarbon source (1), a first heat exchanger (4), a reactor (6), a second heat exchanger (7), a separator (8), and a pipeline (13); and in addition a line (9) which leads from the separator (8) to the reactor (6) and is provided with a pump (10) adapted to recycle material from the separator (8) back to the reactor (6).